

JESUS JOURNEY

40 DAYS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

WEEK 3

From Fake to Free

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Is it all an act?

_____ times Jesus calls religious leaders "hypocrites"

The word "hypocrite" is from a Greek word meaning "_____"

"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, **to be seen** by them. When you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the **hypocrites** do in the synagogues and on the streets. . . *Matthew 6:1-2*

"To be seen": Greek *theatenai*, related to "_____"

When you fast, do not look somber as the **hypocrites** do, for they **disfigure their faces** to show men they are fasting. *Matthew 6:16*

"Disfigure faces": literally, "make _____ or _____"

Jesus consistently criticizes just one group:

Leaders who teach _____

Characteristics of performance-based religion:

1. It invents _____

"Their teachings are but rules taught by men." *Matthew 15:9*

Do I turn personal _____ into God's _____ ?

2. It produces passionate commitment to the _____

"...you **hypocrites!** You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness..." *Matthew 23:23*

In a performance-based system, it's crucial to be able to measure performance!

Legalism is _____ . Grace is _____ .



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3. It focuses on the _____, not the _____

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you **hypocrites!** You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean. *Matthew 23:25–26*

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you **hypocrites!** You are like **whitewashed tombs**, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean.” *Matthew 23:27*

Legalistic systems always end up _____ the real problem

The response of the Pharisees and teachers of the law:

One of the experts in the law answered him, “Teacher, when you say these things, **you insult us** also.” Jesus replied, “And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you **load people down with burdens** they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.” *Luke 11:45–46*

Jesus’ offer to everyone trapped in a performance-based religion:

“Come to me, **all you who are weary and burdened**, and I will give you **rest**. **Take my yoke** upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is **easy** and my burden is **light**.” *Matthew 11:28–30*

The Bottom Line:

Jesus calls me from the burden of _____
to the freedom of _____

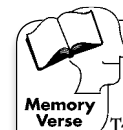
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Here’s where we’ve been and where we’re going on our...

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Memory Verse

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